

## 2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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**Budget Action Title:** Report on potential funding sources for electronic health records for community mental health providers

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### Statement of Legislative Intent:

Council requests the City's Health Policy Analyst to work with the City's state and regional partners on developing a funding source for community mental health providers to transition from paper to electronic health records (EHRs). The Council further requests the City's Health Policy Analyst and the City's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to pursue federal and state legislation that would address this issue.

### Background.

The federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) encourages organizations receiving federal funds to achieve a "meaningful" use of EHRs. However, community-based mental health providers are not eligible for the incentive federal funding to support the transition from paper to electronic recordkeeping. Direct medical service providers and hospitals are eligible for these incentive federal funds.

The State has just released a draft Health Care Innovation Plan. The Plan will provide the framework for strengthening Washington's health care delivery system including expanding the capacity for health care providers to exchange health information.

Council requests a progress report back from the City's Health Policy Analyst and City's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs by July 31, 2013.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Housing, Human Services, Health, & Culture

**Date Due to Council:** July 31, 2013